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## Announcing Wisconsin Medicaid's companion document for the HIPAA-compliant 270/271 health care eligibility inquiry and response transaction

The *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Although the *Update* refers to Medicaid recipients, all information applies to BadgerCare recipients also.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare are administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

For questions, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 or visit our Web site at [www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/](http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/).

The Wisconsin Medicaid companion document for the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)-compliant 270/271 health care eligibility inquiry and response transaction is now available from Wisconsin Medicaid. This companion document provides information on Wisconsin Medicaid's requirements for the 270 health care eligibility inquiry and for interpreting the 271 response received from Wisconsin Medicaid. A future *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* will notify providers of the implementation dates.

The Wisconsin Medicaid companion document for the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)-compliant 270/271 health care eligibility inquiry and response transaction, commonly referred to as the 270/271, is now available from Wisconsin Medicaid. Companion documents provide Wisconsin Medicaid-specific information that should be used with the national HIPAA Implementation Guides. Implementation Guides define the electronic format and values for each data element within an electronic transaction.

This companion document provides information on Wisconsin Medicaid's requirements for the

270 health care eligibility inquiry and for interpreting the 271 response received from Wisconsin Medicaid. The 270/271 is the format standard for the inquiry and response on a patient's eligibility for health care benefits. A future *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* will notify providers of the implementation dates.

### Obtaining information

Companion documents are available on the Wisconsin Medicaid Web site at [www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/](http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/). For paper copies of companion documents, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883.

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